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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
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AND TRADE

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives
June 24, 2010

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I write regarding Mr. Carroll Onsae's application to serve on the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force. Mr. Onsae is currently President and General Manager of Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI) which provides telephone and internet services to residents on the Hopi Indian Reservation.

Located in Northern Arizona, the Hopi Tribe has struggled for years to bring telecommunications infrastructure to tribal lands. Prior to HTI's establishment, residents on the Hopi Indian Reservation relied on private network providers. Telephone customers frequently experienced service outages, cross-talk and fast-busy signals. The limited network also meant many residents lived without basic phone service and internet access was extremely limited.

HTI was established by the Hopi Tribal Council in 2004 to meet the specific needs of households, businesses and government entities operating on the Hopi Indian lands. As President and General Manager, Mr. Onsae has overseen operations to bring telecommunications services—including broadband internet—to residents on Hopi tribal lands. Expanding the telecommunications infrastructure on the Hopi Indian lands has required Mr. Onsae to confront challenges unique to network build-out on tribal lands including collaboration with other tribal entities, working with the BIA on right-of-way and environmental assessment issues and building productive relationships with independent villages. Mr. Onsae would provide a unique and knowledgeable perspective to the Task Force.

I ask that you grant his application all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Kirkpatrick
Member of Congress



FAX from

Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick

First District, Arizona

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July 15, 2010

The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for your letter regarding Mr. Carroll Onsae's interest in serving on the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force. I appreciate your interest in this important matter and have asked the Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau to reply to your letter. His response is attached.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Genachowski", is written over the printed name.

Julius Genachowski



Federal Communications Commission
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July 15, 2010

The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congresswoman Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for your letter supporting the application of Carroll Onsaie to serve on the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force. Chairman Julius Genachowski has asked me to respond to your inquiry on his behalf.

We appreciate your strong interest in the Commission's efforts to address the needs of American Indian and other Native communities. The Task Force, which emanates from the National Broadband Plan, will provide important assistance to the Commission in fulfilling its commitment to increasing broadband deployment and adoption on Tribal lands. We recognize the issues that led the Hopi Tribe to form Hopi Telecom, and it is our sincere hope that the Task Force will provide a useful vehicle for assisting the Hopi Tribe as well as other Native communities.

We will carefully review all applications for the Task Force and undertake our best efforts to establish a body that can represent Indian Country fully and effectively. Needless to say, we will give close consideration to Carroll Onsaie's application as well as your recommendation on his behalf.

I look forward to working with you and other Congressional leaders to improve the breadth and quality of communications services available to all Native communities. Please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions at (202) 418-3629.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey C. Blackwell
Director, Native Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau